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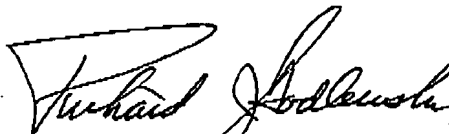
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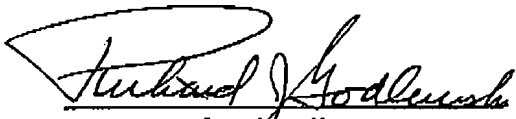
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In response to the Office action dated November 2, 2007, please reconsider the pending claims as discussed in the following remarks.

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